

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

<b>JOEL SHAY CROSS,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Case No. CIV-24-1219-G</b>
	)	
<b>WOODWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**ORDER**

Plaintiff Joel Shay Cross, a state prisoner appearing pro se, filed a Complaint (Doc. No. 1) alleging deprivations of his constitutional rights against multiple defendants. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), the matter was referred to Magistrate Judge Suzanne Mitchell for initial proceedings.

On November 22, 2024, Judge Mitchell granted Plaintiff's application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and ordered Plaintiff to submit an initial partial filing fee of \$28.18. *See* Order of Nov. 22, 2024 (Doc. No. 5).

On December 30, 2024, Judge Mitchell issued a Report and Recommendation (Doc. No. 8), recommending that this matter be dismissed due to Plaintiff's failure to comply with the order to pay the initial filing fee. *See id.* at 1-4.

Since that date, Plaintiff has submitted several payments, totaling more than \$28.18, to the Court. *See, e.g.,* Doc. Nos. 12, 13, 14. Accordingly, the Court finds that Plaintiff has made a good-faith attempt to comply with the Court's order regarding the filing fee.

The Court therefore will re-refer this action to allow Plaintiff to otherwise proceed with this matter in accordance with applicable Federal and Local Civil Rules.

### CONCLUSION

Accordingly, the reasoning of the Report and Recommendation (Doc. No. 8) is ADOPTED. The Court declines to dismiss this matter at this time.

This matter is re-referred to Judge Mitchell in accordance with the previous order of referral.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 9th day of April, 2025.

  
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CHARLES B. GOODWIN  
United States District Judge